



Scholarship Opportunity

The Ralph and Judith Sidman Memorial Scholarship Fund— Established by Judith Sidman in memory of her husband, this scholarship, awarded annually, is available to CPSP students who have completed 2 courses and demonstrate their commitment to community engagement.

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."
President Barack Obama

Students will find all the necessary information and forms to get started in a CPSP class on our website. We welcome new agencies/organizations to participate. Non-profit or public (governmental) agencies/organizations are eligible to apply. The application form is available by contacting the CPSP office at cpsp@albany.edu; 518-442-5683 or online at: www.albany.edu/cpsp.

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Community and Public Service Program





Who We Are and What We Do

Since 1970, the Community and Public Service Program (CPSP), a university-wide initiative of the University at Albany and administered by the School of Social Welfare, has worked to connect the university to the community by linking students across all disciplines to community service opportunities. We build on community and university strengths connecting students and faculty with community organizations. Community partners have noted that the CPSP helps them to:

- ❖ Advance their missions
- ❖ Build their capacities
- ❖ Effect community change

CPSP provides students with opportunities to engage with public, non-profit, and campus agencies/organizations in exchange for elective credits. With 400 agencies/organizations to choose from, CPSP offers a wide range of opportunities. Our community partners include community agencies/organizations focused on:

- ❖ Health and Public Health
- ❖ Legal Assistance
- ❖ Poverty
- ❖ Public Service
- ❖ Child and Family Well-being
- ❖ Literacy
- ❖ Community Organizing and Social Justice
- ❖ Immigrant/Refugee Issues
- ❖ The Arts

Academic Credits for Service

CPSP offers course credit to undergraduate students (second semester freshmen, sophomore, juniors and seniors) who engage in community service. Our current courses are:

RSSW 290 Community Service I
Students complete 100 hours of service for 3 credits

RSSW291 Human Service in the Community
Students complete 60 hours of Service for 2 credits

RSSW 390 Community Service II
An upper-level service learning course for students that have completed 290; combines 100 hours of service with an educational component for 3 credits



What Students Are Saying

Student Benefits of Community Service

Students have found that participating in CPSP has helped them to:

- ❖ learn about diversity and difference
- ❖ choose a major
- ❖ identify a career path
- ❖ develop a commitment to civic engagement

“As I head into the home stretch of my collegiate career I would sometimes have doubts about my major, almost wishing that I could have a real sign that this is what I really want to do...with my life. This experience has given me that sign.” *Joseph Clark -2009 Journalism*

“My participation in community service has been a huge stepping stone on the path to my career as an educator, and for that it will always be viewed as invaluable.” *Susana Duarte-2009 English*

“This experience epitomized the saying “It is better to give than to receive.” I gave and in turn received and my reward is far beyond my expectations.” *James Rohan -2010*